

Special Guidelines—1

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Regulating Hunted, Wild Ruminant Game Meat from Canada

These guidelines are **solely** for game meat of wild ruminants¹ [Includes bison (buffalo), caribou (reindeer), deer, elk, moose, mountain goats, mountain sheep, musk ox, and pronghorn (antelope)] hunted in Canada and for the hunter's own personal use.

TABLE JA-1: Regulating Hunted, Wild Ruminant Game Meat from Canada

If the meat imported is:	And:	And:	Then:
Fresh or fresh frozen whole dressed carcass ^a , fresh or fresh frozen meat (with or without bone), or fresh ground or fresh ground frozen sausage	Accompanied by a Canadian issued valid hunting license	Accompanied by a Veterinary Services Special Permit (see attached document ^b)	RELEASE
		Lacks a Veterinary Services Special Permit	PROHIBIT ENTRY
	Lacks a Canadian issued valid hunting license	-	
Cooked or cured and dried			
(includes jerked meat and cured or dried sausages)			
Not as identified in the cells above		•	
above			

- a Must be free of the intact head or head parts (brain, eyes, tongue, etc.) and viscera (for example, heart, intestines, kidney, liver, lymph nodes, pancreas, thymus)
- b This permit is filled out by the hunter and then dated and stamped by the Department of Homeland Security, Customs and Border Protection when the game is released at the port. The permit may be completed at the port of entry. The name on the permit must match the name on the license, otherwise prohibit entry.



If the meat is shipped by mail, then the required documentation must be included with the other shipping documents (U.S. Customs declaration or invoice)

¹ Meat from farmed game animals is admissible only if accompanied by a VS Form 16-6 (US Veterinary Permit for the Importation and Transport of Controlled Materials and Organisms and Vectors)



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Veterinary Services Special Permit for the Importation of Hunter-Harvested Wild Ruminant Meat

	form may be typed or ME AND ADDRESS	
1.1771		OF HOWER.
2. IMF	PORTER HAS Canad	ian hunting license (photocopy is acceptable)
	Yes	No
3. AT	Bison caribou do pronghorns musk o	eat from the following wild game (circle as applicable) eer elk moose mountain goat mountain sheep
	b) I am importing the commercial sale or d	is meat for my personal use; I am not importing it for distribution.
4. H	IUNTER SIGNATUR	RE
REI	LEASED ON THIS D	ATE BY DHS/CBP INSPECTOR
		Date
(stam	np)	
		Inspector
DHS/	CBP Inspector:	

Please send/fax completed forms on a monthly basis to the following address - USDA, APHIS, VS, NCIE 4700 River Road Unit #40

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Blank forms may be photocopied.



Regulating Ruminant Hunting Trophies from Canada

These guidelines are solely for trophies of free-ranging and farmed wild ruminants [including bison (buffalo), caribou (reindeer), deer, elk, moose, mountain goats, mountain sheep, musk ox, and pronghorn (antelope)] hunted in Canada. Trophies from wild animals **other than** ruminants (bears, boars, mountain lions, and wolves for example) are **unrestricted**.

TABLE JA-2: Regulating Ruminant Trophies from Canada

If trophy:	And:	And:	And:	And:	Then:
Is fully Finished				•	RELEASE
Is not fully finished	Horns and antlers (with or without skull caps and with or without velvet)	Free of skull cap or if skull cap is present it is free of brain tissue	Three or more sets of antlers or horns	Quantity imported corresponds to the number authorized by the hunting license ^a	
				Quantity imported exceeds the number authorized by the hunting license	PROHIBIT ENTRY TO EXCESS ^a
			One or two sets of antlers or horns	-	RELEASE
		Attached to an intact head or attached to a skull cap and there is brain tissue present		-	PROHIBIT ENTRY
	Bones, (including skulls with or without antlers or horns)	Clean, dry, and free from blood	Three or more sets of skulls/bones	Quantity imported corresponds to the number authorized by the hunting license ^a	RELEASE
				Quantity imported exceeds the number authorized by the hunting license	PROHIBIT ENTRY TO EXCESS ^a
			One or two sets of skulls/bones	-	RELEASE
		Not clean, dry, or free from blood		•	PROHIBIT ENTRY
	Hides or capes ^b	Head is attached	Skull and contents removed	-	RELEASE
			Skull and contents present	-	PROHIBIT ENTRY
		Head is not attached		•	RELEASE

a If a party of three hunters has a total of racks or skulls that matches the number allowed on their combined licenses, then these are authorized entry. For example, if the number allowed on each license is two, then six skulls or racks may be authorized entry for the three hunters. If however, the total number of racks and skulls **exceeds** the number allowed on their combined licenses, then prohibit entry to the excess. If the hunters won't volunteer who has the extra rack(s) or skull(s), then prohibit entry to the entire shipment

b The cape is the pelt from the head, neck, and forepart of the shoulders of the animal for mounting as a trophy

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